

# TU chapter 420 – Tulsa FLY FISHER'S **Streamline**

**September 2011**

TU 420 OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED  
TULSA FLY FISHERS AFFILIATE CLUB OF FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS  
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## **REGULAR MEETINGS --NEW Start time and Place.....**

**DUE TO THE REORGANIZATION OF TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS OUR NEW MEETING PLACE WILL BE AT THE HARDESTY PUBLIC LIBRARY located at 8316 E. 93rd St. on the North side of the Creek Turnpike off Memorial Dr.**

### **MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6:30 PM**

#### **September 8, 2011 (Monthly Meeting)**

Our guest speaker is Ms.Lori Sloas and she will present her "Why am I not catching fish when everyone else is?" program. Lori is one of only a handful of female fly fishing guides in the United States. She has an extensive background in counseling and corporate training that gives her a unique perspective that she uses in leading her popular ladies fly fishing classes. (Guys, if your wife or significant other doesn't fly fish this is the meeting you'll want to bring them along.) Lori guides out of Berry Brothers Fly Fishing in Cotter, AR, for more information go to:

<http://www.berrybrothersguides.com/aboutus.html>

#### **October 6, 2011 (Monthly Meeting) NOTE THIS IS THE FIRST THURSDAY IN OCTOBER!**

Our guest speaker will be R.L. Nunley author and world renowned custom bamboo rod maker. Bob has been restoring and working on bamboo fly rods for 31 years, and has been making custom bamboo fly rods for 23 years. By his own admission his presentation has little if anything to do with fishing. It's more about how a full time professional rodmaker runs his shop and is a mix of true and funny stories about his life as an Okie and a Fly Fisher. Don't come to meet Bob if all you want to do is see a bunch of fish porn. Do come if you like to laugh and learn about fly fishing and what's special about fly fishing with bamboo.Learn more about Bob Nunley at: [www.rlnunley.com](http://www.rlnunley.com)

#### **November 10, 2011 (Monthly Meeting)**

**Annual meeting with election of TFF and TU Officers and Board members**

Norm Crisp of Prairie Village, Kansas is the Owner and Head Guide for Streamside Adventures. Norm is an internationally known fly fisherman, author, teacher/lecturer and water resources scientist and will be the guest speaker at our November 10th meeting. Norm began fly fishing over thirty years ago as a boy growing up in New Hampshire. Since leaving there he has continued fly fishing throughout North

America and many parts of the world including Russia, Nepal, Scotland, England, Spain, Italy, New Zealand, the former Yugoslavia and even the Atlas Mountains of Morocco in North Africa. Norm has written several articles about fly fishing for trout and his travels in search of trout.

**December 9, 2011**

Tentative: **Annual Christmas Party Tulsa Fly Fishers host in Tulsa with Green Country Flyfishers**, additional information on website as available.

**UPCOMING OUTINGS AND EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**

**Outing Saturday, September 17**

Float fish the upper Illinois River. Details at the September meeting and on this site as they become available.

**OCTOBER**

**Outing Saturday, October 8th**

Southern Council Annual Conclave, Mountain Home, AR Oct. 6th-9th  
<http://www.southerncouncilfff.org/conclave/2011/index.php>

**NOVEMBER**

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday Nov 4-6**

TROUT UNLIMITED MEMBERS SAVE THESE DATES:

November 4-6 for the first ever Mid-South TU Regional Meeting to be held on the Little Red River near Greers Ferry, AR. Personally meet with national officers of Trout Unlimited, discuss various polices and procedures of Trout Unlimited, round table discussions of the problems we face in our region and more. Plus, do some fishing on the Little Red too. Contact Scott Hood if you'd like to share the ride and attend this first of many regional meetings to come. Open to any Trout Unlimited member. Other members and executives from chapters and councils from Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas will be there too. Learn more about TU and voice your opinions to help make Trout Unlimited better in our region.

**Outing Saturday, November 12th**

Lower Illinois River. Details on our website as they become available.

**DECEMBER**

**Friday, December 9th**

Holiday Dinner Party with Green Country Fly Fishers, TFF hosts in Tulsa, OK. Details on our website as they become available.

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## Message From Your President:

Welcome back everyone, back from the summer from HELL-ICOPTER! Was it HOT or what?

Many of you spent time in the mountains and out of state fishing this summer. **Please bring your reports (or tall-tails) to our next meeting** and share them with everyone.

Lots of things are going on this fall, please visit [www.tulsaflyfishers.org](http://www.tulsaflyfishers.org) and check the EVENTS tab. You are bound to find something you'll be interested in attending or helping with. There are meetings, outings, and fundraisers, just lots to do and to help with.

Please allow me a chance to fill you in on the Lower Illinois River and its water troubles. First, thanks to everyone that wrote letters and sent e-mails to your Congressman our Senators, to SWPA and The Army Corp of Engineers. I assure you that they heard us. Whether they can or will help us in the long term is yet to be seen.

Currently we have a "band-aid" applied to the issue. Sequoia Fuels Co. in Vian, OK donated their 14,500 acre feet of water storage in Lake Tenkiller to the ODWC with the OWRB's condition that if a community water district needed the water the ODWC would immediately transfer it to the community needing it. That lasted less than ten days. Sequoia County Water District caught wind of the available water and applied for it so they could then apply for grant money to put in a pipeline. However, SCWD agreed that since they would not actually need the water for a few years that they would loan it back to the ODWC. At this time ODWC, coupled with their 1,250 acre feet, now has about 16,000 acre feet of water storage in the lake. Water that the ODWC can call upon to keep the river wetted. Until the sluice gate is repaired by the ACE, SWPA is releasing about 170cfs through a turbine; this water is coming from the 16,000 acre feet of storage. (Not generating electricity, this is a term called "speed-no-load".) This is more water than the 100 to 125 cfs that the ODWC would like to see in the river and it eats into the storage of water held for the LIR faster than we all would like. But, 170 cfs is the least amount that SWPA can allow at speed no-load.

The critical issues for the LIR at this time is water temp and the fact that if we don't get some rain soon to re-fill the lake the ODWC storage allotment will run out in mid-September. The water temps this year are higher than usual because of the spring flood. We had hoped for a very long run of cold water this summer because of the extremely cold winter. That all ended when the lake flooded and all the warmer water mixed with the colder deep water. As for the ODWC water allotment, when the lake level rises to normal pool again, then all storage allotments are filled again. Pray for cooler weather soon and rain, a lot of it.

In the long term, having spent many hours, sending letters and e-mails to more than my own Congressman and to both OK Senators we have now all managed to catch our states elected officials attention. I have had personal meetings with Senator Coburn's people, Senator Inhofe's local field representative and our national office of Trout Unlimited has had a meeting "on the hill" with Senator Inhofe's staff. Steve Moyer, Trout Unlimited Vice President of Government Affairs said that Mr. Inhofe's office was well aware of the issue because of the number of letters they have received. With that said, we may need to once again, write a flurry of letters if the ODWC allotment runs out and the river is dewatered by SWPA and/or ACE. When or if that happens, what is left of the trout in the LIR at that time will parish in the trickle of water that runs between power generation releases. Once again that will be our moment to bring it to everyone's attention. Obviously I hope all the trout don't die, but if it should happen we need to be ready to write. A long term solution can only come from an amendment to the Water Resources Development Act or pressure from our elected officials to somehow

force SWPA to give up some of their huge storage allotment in Lake Tenkiller. Something Senator Coburn specifically said in a letter to us, "...asking for the official water allocation that was originally expected in the 1940's, possibly in the form of a congressional mandate." This congressional action should have happened when the dam was built; the lake formed and was overlooked at the time. Please, everyone, be ready to respond if asked to do so.

I'm out of space and time, thanks for your attention and thanks to all whose activism has made a difference. Please make a point to bring a friend to our meetings this fall. We are in a new, big and beautiful space and we need to fill the room.

Fish On!  
Scott Hood

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